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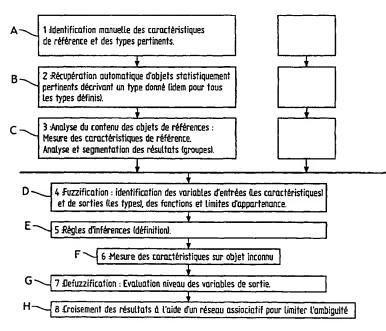
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- (54) Title: FUZZY ASSOCIATIVE SYSTEM FOR MULTIMEDIA OBJECT DESCRIPTION
- (54) Titre: SystEme associatif flou de description d'objets multimEdia



(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a method for automatic description of an unknown multimedia object, which consists in associating the unknown object with several types of reference multimedia objects each time based on a membership probability particular to each type concerned (G), the method including a step which consists in measuring at least one physical characteristic on the unknown object (F) and in comparing it with measurements of characteristics representing best the reference types, the method further comprising the step (H) which consists in using for each type at least one probabilistic relationship providing a membership probability to the type concerned based on the result of the comparison of the characteristics of the unknown object and of the type, the method further comprising the step which consists in using the probabilities of membership to the various types thus obtained in combination with a series of affinity relationships between types, so as to select memberships which both constitute the majority in terms of probability and which designate one another by their affinity relationship, and so as to exclude memberships with less affinity with the selected types.

- A1... MANUALLY IDENTIFYING REFERENCE CHARACTERISTICS AND RELEVANT TYPES B2... AUTOMATICALLY RETRIEVING STATISTICALLY RELEVANT OBJECTS DESCRIBING A GIVEN TYPE

- (SAME FOR ALL DEFINED TYPES)

  ANALYZING CONTENT OF REFERENCE OBJECTS: MEASURING REFERENCE
  CHARACTERISTICS. ANALYZING AND SEGMENTING RESULTS (GROUPS)

  FUZZYING: IDENTIFYING INPUT VARIABLES (CHARACTERISTICS) AND OUTPUT VARIABLES

- (TYPES), FUNCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP LIMITATIONS
  E5 "YTERFERENCE RULES (DEFINITION)
  F6......MEASURING CHARACTERISTICS ON UNKNOWN OBJECTS
  G7..... DEFUZZYING: EVALUATING LEVEL OF OUTPUT VARIABLES
- H8... CROSS-CHECKING RESULTS BY MEANS OF AN ASSOCIATIVE NETWORK TO LIMIT AMBIGUITY



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(57) Abrégé: L'invention concerne un procédé de description automatique d'un objet multimédia inconnu, dans lequel on associe l'objet inconnu avec plusieurs types d'objets multimédia de référence selon à chaque fois une probabilité d'appartenance respective à chaque type considéré (G), le procédé incluant une étape consistant à mesurer au moins une caractéristique physique sur l'objet inconnu (F) et à la comparer avec des mesures de caractéristiques représentant au mieux les types de référence, le procédé comprenant en outre l'étape (H) consistant à utiliser pour chaque type au moins une relation probabiliste donnant une probabilité d'appartenance au type considéré en fonction du résultat de la comparaison des caractéristiques de l'objet inconnu et du type, le procédé comprenant en outre l'étape consistant à utiliser les probabilités d'appartenance aux différents types ainsi obtenues en combinaison avec une série de relations d'affinités entre types, de manière à élire des appartenances qui sont à la fois majoritaires en probabilité et qui se co-désignent par leur relation d'affinité, et de manière à exclure des appartenances ayant une moindre affinité avec les types élus.

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